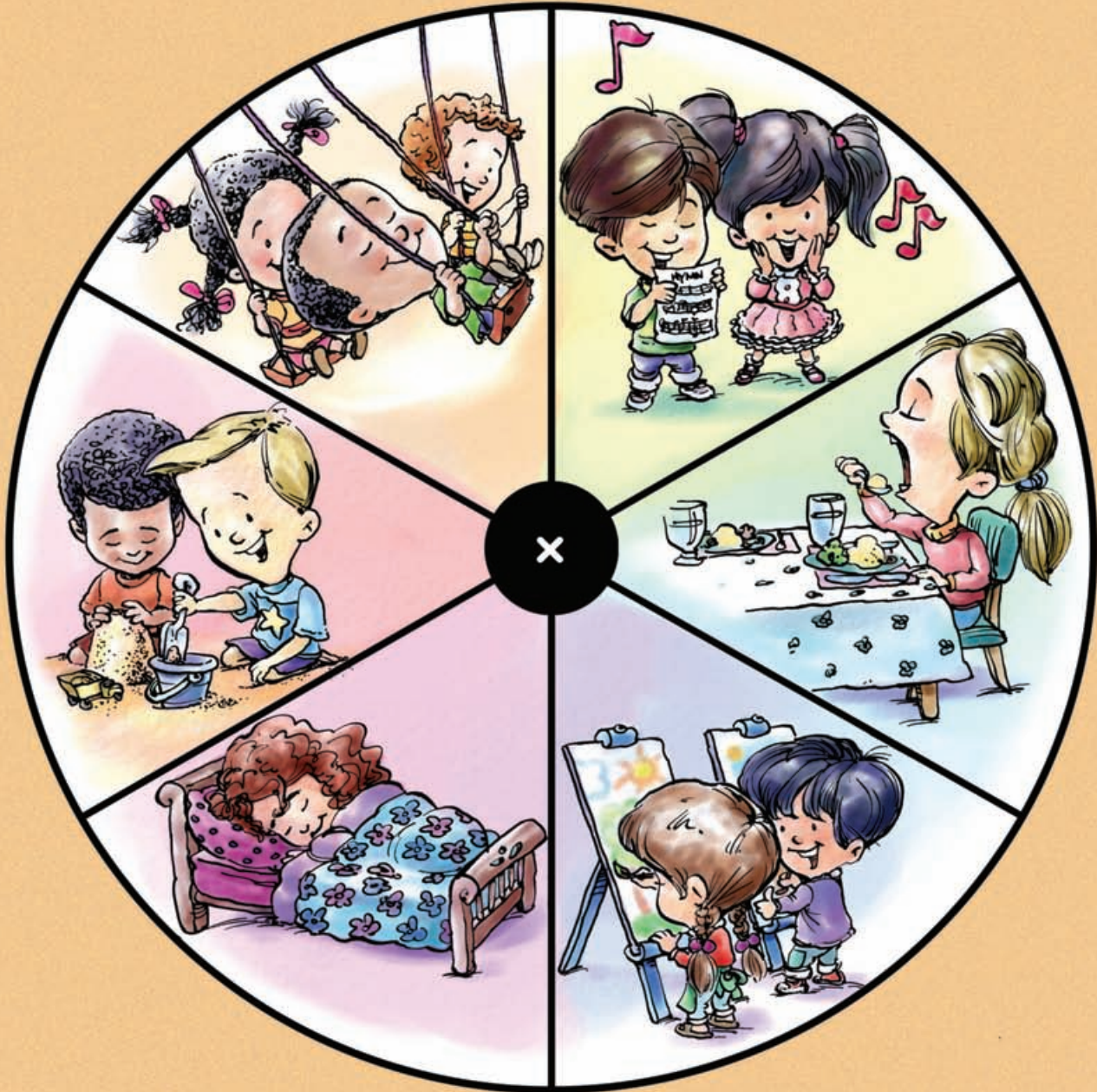


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God Helps Gideon Defeat the Midianites

Judges 6:1-16; 7:1-24



Do not fear; God is with you
(adapted from Isaiah 41:10).

Instructions: Help your child use a paper fastener to attach the paper circle to the page. (Your child should have received the paper circle in class to bring home.) Show your child how to turn the circle to reveal one picture at a time. Talk with your child about the pictures. Remind your child that we can trust God to care for us no matter where we are or what we're doing. We never have to fear, because God is always with us. (For additional classroom instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)



**“Trust me...
I won't let you fall.”**



Daily Challenge

This week, your child learned that we can trust God. Your child committed to one

of the following challenges to remember to trust God when he or she is scared. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Put a small cross in your pocket. Every time something scares you, pull the cross out of your pocket and remember you can trust God when you're scared.
- Draw a picture of something that scares you. Share the picture with a friend or family member and tell him or her what you learned about how Gideon trusted God and how you can trust God when you're scared, too.
- Think about something that really scares you. Ask your mom or dad to pray with you every night to help you remember to trust God when you're scared.

Go to a playground with your child and help your child do all kinds of fun things, including climbing on the monkey bars, swinging high on a swing, in-line skating, and climbing up a tall ladder. With everything you help your child do, say, “Trust me, I won’t let you fall” or “Trust me, I won’t push the swing too high.” Remind your child that just like he or she can trust you, your child can also trust God.

ASK ☞ Is it hard for you to trust me today? Why or why not?

☞ Who is someone that we can always trust?

☞ How does it make you feel to know that God is always there for us?



Set out some plastic knives,

peanut butter, crackers, and gummy bears.

Have your child spread peanut butter on a cracker and then add

a gummy bear on top of the peanut butter. Hold the cracker upside down and watch how the gummy bear sticks to the peanut butter. As you eat your snack, remind your child that he or she never has to fear because God always “sticks with us”—just like the gummy bear sticks to the peanut butter.

ASK ☞ How does it make you feel to know that God is always with you?

☞ How can we thank God for being with us?

What I Learned Today...

Bible Story: This week's Bible story (Judges 6:1-16; 7:1-24) tells us that we can trust God. God sent an angel to speak to a man named Gideon. The angel told Gideon that God chose him to save the Israelites from their enemy. At first, Gideon was afraid and unsure of God's promise to be with him. God reassured Gideon and said he would be with Gideon and help him. Gideon trusted God, and God kept his promise! Gideon and his men defeated Israel's enemy.

Key Verse: Do not fear; God is with you (adapted from Isaiah 41:10).